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# **HOWARD MECHANIC SENTENCED FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN ACQUISITION OF PASSPORT**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- HOWARD LAWRENCE MECHANIC**, age 52, was sentenced, today following a guilty plea on charges of False Statement in the Acquisition of a Passport, a felony offense. Judge Roger G. Strand imposed a sentence of three years probation, a fine of \$5,000 and 300 hours of community service following the guilty plea. The sentence is to run consecutively with the five-year and four-month prison sentences Mechanic is currently serving relating to his failure to appear and civil disobedience conviction 28 years ago. After Mechanic's conviction in 1972, he was ordered to surrender to serve his five-year sentence and instead fled becoming a fugitive for 28 years.

The prosecution was handled by the United States Attorney's office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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